

Re: EA - CPPC readout February 24, 2022

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Merci!

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Rob,

I hosted a follow up meeting with my PT ADM colleagues on the EA this afternoon.

Below is a readout of the discussion and comments received from PTs.

Readout from FPT CPPC Meeting Feb 24, 2022

- Talal opened the meeting noting the at the *Emergencies Act* (EA) has now been revoked but was useful and had an impact.
- All were thankful for the efforts and collaboration of law enforcement across the country.
- All noted that though we have passed through this acute period, we must all be vigilant and cautious. There remain pockets of protestors and new assemblies planned for the coming days and weeks.
- All agreed there is a need to share experiences and lessons learned.
- Talal affirmed the EA was about illegal protest, not legal protests, and was revoked with confirmation of law enforcement that they were in good shape now and can manage protests.

- Talal noted there are lots of questions about bank accounts, which will be unfrozen once people not involved in illegal protests anymore, but that is an issue between law enforcement the banks, who had the ability to freeze accounts under the EA.

Regional Updates:

Rob Cameron (SASK)

- Noted 5 events in Sask – 2 at legislative and 3 at border points (with possible 4th on the radar).
- At the legislature, the first protest was typical but the second was quite involved - law enforcement was able to control.
- At borders, the RCMP and other law enforcement were able to set up effective check points and controls.
- Have set up protest zones so people could park off the roads and not affect other people or places, roads, etc.
- No activities were taken under the EA - just done through normal law enforcement powers.
- Premier has said all restrictions coming off on Sunday.

Rick Stubbings (ON)

- EA powers were advantageous especially banking rules.
- Got numbers on license plates and CVOR's that were seized, some from the province and some out.
- EA measures were effective. Agree protests not over yet, ON next step is to harden provincial targets and review in provincial authorities.
- Looking within existing framework. Public order units have adequacy requirement and look at opportunities to bolster police to cross train, get equipment , etc.

Haley (NS)

- Premier came out quickly and made statement to denounce protests, which helped enable law enforcement to deal proactively with stopping protestors
- NS will be looking at local contracts between RCMP and tow companies to compel aid. Their municipal police have them and it was appreciated.

Tanya (PEI)

- Similarly, Premier came out quick asking for lawful protests. The provincial EA set the tone, and have had a few events.
- Have consideration for protest at Confederation Bridge, planned for this weekend. Lawful, but RCMP are trying to deter them to another location or not at all.

Jimmy (QC)

- Few significant issues in QC, law enforcement has been able to manage, and there is good collaboration amongst provincial law enforcement.
- Everyone respecting rule of law.
- Nothing on the radar coming up re: protests.

Glenn (BC)

- Covid an accelerate to the issue – not out of this yet.
- The speed that EA was lifted surprised police, who were caught off guard.
- BC has live issues – still in it as of yesterday and think it will be live this weekend

- Lessons here – incumbent on us to think about what has worked and what could be done better
- Meeting with police later today to review what are we learning, info sharing, support protocols ect
- Dealing with sustained protests, with high police involvement, high risk, high cost, high drain on police resources, means need to look at what can be done across prov, municipal and combine powers to get the job done, and issues such as ways to compel services when public safety is at risk?
- Will share post mortum, and is grateful for this FPT forum to share experience and deal with challenges.

Looking Forward:

- Welcomed suggestions for legislative/regulatory amendments that we should highlight as needed?
- There was interest in coming together and emergency plan for where we have multiple agencies working together, ie borders and critical infrastructure, etc.
- More efficient ways to swear in officers under provincial legislation could be looked at, especially for high volumes of officers. Ontario did it quickly, and the Interprovincial Police Act was noted as being an available tool.
- Also interest in opportunities to bolster police to cross train and get equipment with others.
- When bringing police in from other jurisdictions – more common training and standards could benefit from best practices and cross-training for de-escalation, etc.
- Also interest in looking into standardized contracts for police to hire tow trucks and other services. Municipal police have them and they work great.

Next Steps:

- Committed to getting together and sharing more.

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